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A. Statement of Activity or Product

The Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area (DTNA) lies in the western Mojave Desert on the western edge of the Rand Mountains in eastern Kern County, northeast of California City. The Natural Area has over 39 square miles of prime natural habitat set aside for the desert tortoise, the official California State Reptile, and boasts a rich flora and fauna representative of the intricate western region ecosystem within the Mojave Desert. In the 1970s, the Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee, Inc. (DTPC) was formed to set aside a preserve to protect desert tortoise populations and their habitat in the Fremont Valley and Rand Mountains. The DTPC, a grass-roots organization focused on preserving biodiversity, worked with private organizations and government agencies to establish a place for the tortoises. In 1980, Congress and the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, recognized the significance of the site by designating it as a Research Natural Area and Area of Critical Environmental Concern.

The Interpretive Center, with parking lot, information kiosk, restroom, and access to self-guiding trails, is located about 5 miles northeast of California City just off the unpaved Randsburg Mojave Road. The information kiosk provides natural history information on the birds, reptiles, mammals, and plants that occur within the Natural Area. This kiosk is now 28 years old, has not been vandalized in spite of thousands of visitors, and is still relevant today. It is a cool place to sit and read about the natural history of tortoise and some of the flora and fauna living in the same habitat. The DTPC would like to construct a new kiosk featuring current information about the desert tortoise, such as the reasons for the state and federal listings as a threatened species, threats (habitat loss, disease, collection by humans, and predation by human-subsidized predators such as ravens, coyotes, and domestic dogs), the current status of the desert tortoise throughout its geographic range, suggestions for recovery, recreating responsibly in desert tortoise habitat, proper actions to take when a desert tortoise is encountered in the wild, and would nurture respect for protected habitat and private property.

The new Interpretive Kiosk will be patterned similarly to the existing kiosk, which has so successfully survived 28 years of desert use and promises to withstand many more years of desert conditions. The covered building and benches provide cool places for people to stand or sit and view the displays. The open aspect allows for views of the southern Sierra Nevada and Tehachapi Mountains. We think placement of the structure would likely be to the north of the existing kiosk, along a nature trail, possibly ¼ mile from the parking lot.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

Each spring the Interpretive Naturalist records information on visitors and visitation at the Desert Tortoise Natural Area (DTNA). A sharp increase in use of the DTNA by OHV recreationists was first noted in 2001. Since that time, although numbers have fluctuated, annually visitation by individuals arriving on OHV has continued to increase. In 2007, 45% of groups and 48% of individuals arrived at the Natural Area on an OHV. In 2008, 36.6% of groups and 46.4% of individuals arrived by OHV. There was 20% increase in the number of visitors arriving by OHV between the spring of 2008 and 2009. In 2009 66.6% of visitors arrived on an OHV! This shows a very direct link between the proposed project at the Natural Area and OHV recreation. Visitors to the DTNA arriving on a variety of off-roading vehicles including, ATVs, motorcycles, sand rails, and dune buggies.

At this time, well over half of the visitors to the Natural Area are OHV enthusiasts. As OHV recreation is known to have dramatic impacts on desert tortoise habitats it is critical that the Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee takes advantage of this wonderful educational opportunity to teach riders how to responsibly interact with desert tortoises when encountered and about the direct and indirect consequence of irresponsible recreation in the desert. Responsible recreation helps to ensure that legal off-roading routes are kept open for the benefit of responsible riders.

C. Identification of Needs

As California's population increases, off highway activities and desert recreation will also increase. How OHV vehicles are

ridden and what riders do in the desert will have an impact on desert tortoises and their habitat. Many scientific studies about the tortoise are underway to gather data about this long-lived creature. However, one certainty is their numbers are declining. According to a report released by the Desert Managers Group (DMG), individuals with high knowledge of the desert tortoise are more aware of the negative consequences humans can have on desert tortoises and are more willing to take responsibility for their actions than those with less knowledge. The DMG also determined that, as knowledge of the desert tortoise increases, individuals are more willing to limit their recreation activities to help protect the desert tortoise. Our intent is to assist OHV users in forming safe and environmentally conscious riding and recreating habits by developing new educational materials. New educational materials are needed at the DTNA to teach riders and other visitors to enjoy, protect, and respect the desert and its inhabitants.

An educated public that appreciates the value of the desert tortoise and understands how human activities and other factors are contributing to its decline is fundamental to a successful recovery effort and adequate habitat conservation. Last year 66.6% of the visitors to the DTNA were OHV enthusiasts. These high rates of visitation support the need for more current information regarding the desert tortoise and the conservation of its habitat. We also hope that increased education in the area will result in a decline in the incidents of vandalism that are directed at the DTNA.

D. Location of Training Services

The services will be conducted at the Desert Tortoise Natural Research Area in Kern County, 5.5 north east of California City, California.

E. OHV Safety, Environmental Responsibility, and Respect Private Property

The interpretive panels featured in the new kiosk will inform visitors about responsible recreation in desert tortoise habitat, how to properly interact with a desert tortoise when encountered in the wild, both the direct and indirect impacts of irresponsible recreation in the desert, and the importance of protecting habitat due to the long recovery time of vegetation in the western Mojave and other southwestern deserts. Taken as a whole, the new kiosk will teach about the inherent values of the desert ecosystem, the importance of responsible recreation, and how respecting legal riding routes and private property will help protect the desert tortoise and keep legal off-roading routes open for responsible recreation. Also, positive interaction with wildlife within the boundaries of the DTNA will help create a more direct link between the wildlife in the desert and the riders themselves, fostering conservation-minded recreation.

Additional Documentation

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1 Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

Attachments:

[Education and Safety Project Specific Photos](#)

2 Optional Project-specific Maps

Attachments:

[Education Specific Maps](#)

[Interpretive Kiosk Location](#)

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee, Inc.		
PROJECT TITLE :	Education & Safety (FINAL)	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-04-10-S01
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	<p>The Desert Tortoise Research Natural Area (DTNA) lies in the western Mojave Desert on the western edge of the Rand Mountains in eastern Kern County, northeast of California City. The Natural Area has over 39 square miles of prime natural habitat set aside for the desert tortoise, the official California State Reptile, and boasts a rich flora and fauna representative of the intricate western region ecosystem within the Mojave Desert. In the 1970s, the Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee, Inc. (DTPC) was formed to set aside a preserve to protect desert tortoise populations and their habitat in the Fremont Valley and Rand Mountains. The DTPC, a grass-roots organization focused on preserving biodiversity, worked with private organizations and government agencies to establish a place for the tortoises. In 1980, Congress and the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, recognized the significance of the site by designating it as a Research Natural Area and Area of Critical Environmental Concern.</p> <p>The Interpretive Center, with parking lot, information kiosk, restroom, and access to self-guiding trails, is located about 5 miles northeast of California City just off the unpaved Randsburg Mojave Road. The information kiosk provides natural history information on the birds, reptiles, mammals, and plants that occur within the Natural Area. This kiosk is now 28 years old, has not been vandalized in spite of thousands of visitors, and is still relevant today. It is a cool place to sit and read about the natural history of tortoise and some of the flora and fauna living in the same habitat. The DTPC would like to construct a new kiosk featuring current information about the desert tortoise, such as the reasons for the state and federal listings as a threatened species, threats (habitat loss, disease, collection by humans, and predation by human-subsidized predators such as ravens, coyotes, and domestic dogs), the current status of the desert tortoise throughout its geographic range, suggestions for recovery, recreating responsibly in desert tortoise habitat, proper actions to take when a desert tortoise is encountered in the wild, and would nurture respect for protected habitat and private property.</p> <p>The new Interpretive Kiosk will be patterned similarly to the existing kiosk, which has so successfully survived 28 years of desert use and promises to withstand many more years of desert conditions. The covered building and benches provide cool places for people to stand or sit and view the displays. The open aspect allows for views of the southern Sierra Nevada and Tehachapi Mountains. We think placement of the structure would likely be to the north of the existing kiosk, along a nature trail, possibly ¼ mile from the parking lot.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Other-Interpretive Naturalist	1.000	10000.000	YR	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
	Notes : The Interpretive Naturalist is partially funded by the						

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
Agency: Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee, Inc.
Application: Education & Safety (FINAL)

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Ridgecrest Field Office Bureau of Land Management Challenge Cost Share Program and staff an Interpretive Naturalist at the Desert Tortoise Natural Area every spring.						
	Administration Officer Notes : Planning and Coordination of Project	120.000	25.000	HRS	0.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Other-Tortoise Monitor Notes : Desert Tortoise Monitor During Project	7.000	300.000	DAY	0.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
	Total for Staff				0.00	15,100.00	15,100.00
2	Contracts						
	Construction Notes : This price includes labor and materials for engineering, foundations, footings, and reinforcing steel frame and roof, interpretive panel displays, finish grade and clean-up.	1.000	108360.000	SET	108,360.00	0.00	108,360.00
	Other-Panel Content Notes : Design of text for interpretive panels	80.000	50.000	HRS	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Other-Panel Art Notes : Design of art for interpretive panels	180.000	60.000	HRS	0.00	10,800.00	10,800.00
	Total for Contracts				108,360.00	14,800.00	123,160.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
7	Indirect Costs						
	Indirect Costs-Unforeseen Expenditures Notes : The amount is less than the 10% permitted by the granting agency and will be covered by the DTPC for unexpected cost that	1.000	10000.000	SET	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	may arise during the project.						
Total Program Expenses					108,360.00	39,900.00	148,260.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					108,360.00	39,900.00	148,260.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					108,360.00	39,900.00	148,260.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	0.00	15,100.00	15,100.00	
2	Contracts	108,360.00	14,800.00	123,160.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	0.00	0.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Total Program Expenses		108,360.00	39,900.00	148,260.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		108,360.00	39,900.00	148,260.00	
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

This project would have no effect on wetlands or navigable water because there are no wetlands or navigable waters in the project area.

The project would not have a negative impact sensitive habitats or species. The project would have a positive impact on sensitive desert habitats and will function to protect several threatened species and species of special concern, most specifically the state and federally protected desert tortoise and the threatened Mohave ground squirrel. By educating the off-roading community about continuing population declines in the aforementioned species, the current threats to the species, and appropriate interactions with protected species, if funded this projects has the unique opportunity to forge a link with the off-roading community for an overall positive effect for sensitive species and the habitats they occupy.

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

After construction is completed there will be no associated cumulative impacts from this Project in the same general place, such as increased traffic or noise.

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

The project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil. The only soil disturbance will occur during the construction period. After construction is completed the area will only be subjected to foot traffic.

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

The project will not damage scenic resources within the viewshed of officially designated as a state scenic highway because it will not be visible from said highways.

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

There are no historical or cultural resources within the proposed area for construction.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

The Project has little potential to cause indirect significant impacts. The new kiosk would function to increase visitation to the DTNA rather than encouraging groups to go elsewhere. Although visitation would increase, the numbers would not fluctuate dramatically enough to cause significant impacts to surrounding facilities. The target audience would be made up of off riders already recreating in the area.

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Attachments:

[Interpretive Kiosk EIR](#)

Evaluation Criteria

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1. Evaluation Criteria - Q 1.

The Applicant is applying for the following type of Project: (Check the one most appropriate.) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Education – Applicants shall only respond to items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11
☐ Safety – Applicants shall only respond to items 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 12, 13, 14, and 15

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the cost of the Project covered by the Applicant is 3

(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points) ☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)
☒ 26% - 50% (3 points) ☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2. Evaluation Criteria - Q 2.

2. For Applicant's OHV Grant Projects which reached the end of the Project performance period within the last two years, the percentage of all deliverables accomplished 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 100% of Deliverable accomplished (5 points)
☐ 75% to 99% of Deliverables accomplished (3 points)
☒ Less than 75% of Deliverables accomplished (No points)
☐ First time Applicants and past Applicants with no active Grant projects within the last two years (2 points)

3. Evaluation Criteria - Q 3. (FOR DIVISION USE ONLY)

3. Previous Year Performance

(FOR DIVISION USE ONLY) (Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ In the previous year the Applicant has been responsive and communicated effectively with the assigned OHMVR Grant Administrator by phone, email or personal visit (3 points)
☐ First time Applicants and past Applicants with no active Grant projects within the last two years (2 points)
☐ In the previous year the Applicant has not been responsive (No points)

4. Evaluation Criteria - Q 4.

4. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate.) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points)
☐ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee, Inc, the Bureau of Land Management Ridgecrest Field Office, California Turtle and Tortoise Club Chino Valley Chapter, Tim Shields Art, Tucson Herpetological Society, and the Chelonian Science Foundation

5. Evaluation Criteria - Q 5.

5. The Project addresses the following types of OHV Recreation 5

(Check all that apply.) Scoring: 1 point each (Please select applicable values)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATV | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4X4 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M.C. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation Utility Vehicle (RUV) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dune buggy, rail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |

6. Evaluation Criteria - Q 6.

6. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
- ☒ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
- ☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The Education project was discussed with the general public at two publicly noticed meeting. The first was the Desert Tortoise Preserve Committee's (DTPC) Annual Meeting held in Palmdale, California in January 2010. The second meeting was the Desert Tortoise Council Symposia held in Ontario, California in February 2010.

Conference calls were held with interested parties, including listed partners Tim Shields Art and individuals from the Chelonian Science Foundation, and the Tucson Herpetological Society who will be developing the interpretive panels for the new kiosk.

The DTPC met separately with the Bureau of Land Management Ridgecrest Field Office and Tim Shields of Tim Shields Art in June 2009 to begin discussion of the education project. Since then meetings with these stakeholders have been held via conference call.

7. Evaluation Criteria - Q 7. (Education Project ONLY)

7. The Project incorporates the following, clearly identifiable and/or measurable, elements 10

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Process of researching issues and audience (2 points)
- ☒ Objectives (2 points)
- ☒ Testing process to ensure actions are effective (2 points)
- ☒ Plan to implement the Project (2 points)
- ☒ Evaluation and feedback of the process (2 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

The DTPC, with support from the BLM, staffs an interpretive naturalist at the DTNA. The naturalist takes detailed notes on visitor behavior and attempts to interact with each visitor entering the DTNA. Detailed demographic information about each visitor is recorded allowing the DTPC to research the project's audience.

The objective is to provide updated information on the current plight of the desert tortoise and recent population declines, recreating responsibly in desert tortoise habitat, and proper actions to take when a desert tortoise is encountered is encountered in the wild. A survey will be given to visitors after kiosk installation asking if individuals visited the new kiosk, if they read the educational panels at the kiosk, and if they found the informative. Individuals will also be given a brief quiz to test their knowledge. This survey will allow the DTPC to test the effectiveness of this project. The plan to implement the Project are clearly identified in the Project description.

8. Evaluation Criteria - Q 8. (Education Project ONLY)

8. Total number of times individuals are exposed to the message 4

(Check the one most appropriate.) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Greater than 10,000 (4 points) ☐ 1,000 to 10,000 (3 points)
☐ 100 to 1,000 (2 points) ☐ 20 to 100 (1 point)
☐ 0 to 20 (No points)

Explain checked statement:

Based on current visitation statistics approximately 1,200 people visit the DTNA each year. The visitation data each year can be used to gauge the number of visitors that will visit the kiosk each year. The kiosk is a project that will endure for a minimum of 25-30 years. By extrapolating visitation data over 25 years the new educational materials will be viewed by 30,000 visitors over the shorest term life expectancy of the project.

9. Evaluation Criteria - Q 9. (Education Project ONLY)

9. Total time a participant will have exposure to the Project's message or training 2

(Check the one item of highest point value that applies.) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Greater than 2 hours (4 points)
☐ 1 hour to 2 hours (3 points)
☒ 5 minutes to less than 1 hour (2 points)
☐ 1 minute to less than 5 minutes (A Project for maps will fall under this category) (1 point)
☐ Less than 1 minute (No points)

10. Evaluation Criteria - Q 10. (Education Project ONLY)

10. The Project will utilize the following methods of education 12

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 point each up to a maximum of 14 points (Please select applicable values)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hands on training | <input type="checkbox"/> Tool kits |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Handouts | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet messaging/CDs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Signage |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Advertising | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio/TV |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community involvement | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public relations/media | |

Explain each statement that was checked

Hand outs will be made available directing visitors to the new kiosk and testing their knowledge after visiting the kiosk. The kiosk will be advertised on the DTPC website, at public meetings, on local radio, and in local newspapers. The DTPC will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for the kiosk and the community will be invited to the event. Additionally the community in and around the DTNA are very involved in activities in the area either as visitors or volunteers. Signs will be used to notify visitors of, and direct them to, the kiosk.

11. Evaluation Criteria - Q 11. (Education Project ONLY)

11. The Project provides direct support for delivery of ATV Safety Institute and/or Motorcycle Safety Foundation training 0

(Check the one most appropriate.) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No (No points) ☐ Yes (2 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

12. Evaluation Criteria - Q 12. & 13. (Safety Project ONLY)

12. The Project will utilize personnel trained to the following level

(Check the one most appropriate.) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Emergency Medical Technician level, or higher (5 points) ☐ First Responder level (2 points)
☐ First Aid and CPR (1 points) ☐ No training (No points)

13. The Project will provide search and rescue as follows

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 24 hours, 7 days per week (5 points) ☐ Less than 24 hours, 7 days per week (4 points)
☐ Less than 24 hours, less than 7 days per week (2 points) ☐ On special occasions/events only (No points)

13. Evaluation Criteria - Q 14. (Safety Project ONLY)

14. The Project will have the majority of personnel trained in the following areas

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each up to a maximum of 16 points (Please select applicable values)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Radio communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Tracking skills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Avalanche rescue | <input type="checkbox"/> Navigation training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swift water rescue | <input type="checkbox"/> ATV certification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog handling | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle certification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rope skills | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 x 4/Off-Road training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness search and rescue | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |

14. Evaluation Criteria - Q 15. (Safety Project ONLY)

15. The Project will have resources that are equipped and trained for rescue in the following environmental conditions*

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Type 1 – Extreme Condition (including but not limited to): Altitude (generally 7000 feet+) or Snow, Ice, Desert, Heat, Heavy ground cover, Steep difficult terrain. (2 points)
- ☐ Type 2 – Rugged Terrain. Rugged conditions, Altitude (generally under 7000 feet), Heat, Cold concerns, Moderate to heavy ground cover. (2 points)
- ☐ Type 3 – Moderate/Gentle Terrain. Gently rolling terrain, Open spaces, Maintained trailheads, and Agricultural areas. (2 points)
- ☐ Type 4 – Urban. High traffic, Urban office complexes, man-made surfaces, Public interaction and Park trails. (2 points)

*** From the Governor's Office of Emergency Services – Mutual Aid Guidelines, Search and Rescue, Off-Highway Vehicles**